

Rockhampton Catholic Community

As we move forward & including the praying communities of: St Joseph's Cathedral, St Paul's (Gracemere), Sacred Heart (Mt Morgan), St Mary's, Holy Family and Our Lady Help of Christians

The Parishes of Rockhampton acknowledge the Darumbal & Gungalu people as the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we work, travel and live. We pay our respects to their Elders, their Ancestors and Emerging Leaders.

**Second Sunday of Lent
24h & 25th February 2024**

First Reading: Genesis 22:1-2, 9-3,15-18
The sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 115:10,15-19
R: I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living

Second Reading: Romans 8:31-34
God did not spare his own Son.

Gospel: Mark 9:2-10
This is my Son, the beloved; listen to him.

Next Sunday's Readings: Third Sunday of Lent

First Reading: Exodus 20:1-17
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:22-25
Gospel: John 2:13-25

NEXT SUNDAY'S MASS TIMES:

Saturday: 4:00pm Sacred Heart, Mt Morgan
5:00pm Holy Family, Norman Gardens
6:00pm St Joseph's Cathedral
6:30pm Our Lady Help of Christians, Park Avenue

Sunday: 6:30am St Joseph's Cathedral
7:00am St Mary's, North Rockhampton
8:00am St Paul's, Gracemere
9:00am Holy Family, Norman Gardens
9:30am St Joseph's Cathedral
This Mass is livestreamed and available publicly at - www.youtube.com/user/StJosephsCathRton
6:00pm St Joseph's Cathedral

LEARNING MORE ABOUT THE MASS

Today we're going to turn our attention to a high point in the Mass where we encounter God who comes to speak to us. Did you know that God wants to speak to you personally? God wants to encourage you, inspire you or challenge you.

Do you remember how the Israelites received the Ten Commandments from Moses at Mt Sinai? They were not delivered to them on tablets of stone initially. If you read Exodus chapters 19 and 20 carefully, you will see that God asks the people to prepare for three days and then God speaks to them individually and personally through Moses.

The readings from Scripture aren't just some readings from ancient people a long time ago that have no relevance to our lives today. God is speaking to each of us individually and personally today.

The lector at Mass is not just a reader. The lector is "lending God his or her voice so that God could speak personally to the people present" (p 65).

The idea of having a cycle of readings is based on ancient Jewish practice. In the first century, the Law and the Prophets were regularly read in synagogues (see Acts 13: 14-15).

The Mass is "the greatest Bible study on earth" (p 66).

In his podcast, Edward Sri offers three tips to experience the Liturgy of the Word "in a more profound way". First, we must take time to prepare – by reading the readings before we come to Mass. We can use them in our morning prayer. Secondly, we can take time to quiet ourselves before Mass and take time to pray. Thirdly, we need to take time to listen, to be attentive.

Edward Sri. A Biblical Walk Through the Mass: Understanding What We Say and Do in the Liturgy Revised Edition (West Chester PA: Ascension, 2021) pp 63-86.

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Rockhampton Catholic Parishes:

Baptisms: Contact the parish office for more details on bookings and the required preparation sessions.

Marriages: Advanced notice and preparation is required (six months minimum). Contact the parish office for more details.

Funerals: Contact the parish office or email - funerals@rok.catholic.net.au

Hospital Visitation: Rockhampton Base Hospital - To arrange a pastoral or sacramental visit while in Rockhampton Hospital email pastoralcare.rockhampton@rok.catholic.net.au

Becoming a Catholic - If you or someone you know would like to become Catholic, contact the parish office or email - rcianorthrocky@gmail.com

Rockhampton Parishes Pastoral Council - The Rockhampton Parishes Pastoral Council (RPPC) consists of elected members from each Parish and meet regularly. If you would like to contact a member of the RPPC please speak to your parish representative or email: RPPC@rok.catholic.net.au

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Recently deceased: Kevin Casey (Mackay), Robyn O'Brien, Ronald Luckell, Mary Baker,

Anniversaries: Therese Dutton, Joseph Tryhorn, Ted Lawlor, Vince Murphy, Stuart Gallon, Sylvester Rhinberger

Those who are sick: Paul Barry, Loretta Bruckley, Marietta Scott, Mary Busby, Colleen Keeley, Graham Swadling, Raymond Trevaskis, Barbara Trevaskis, Stephen Balkin, Fr Peter Tonti, Ronnie Camenzuli, Sarah Siganto, Barry Clanfield, Connie Waldron, Alan and Joy Liddell, Graham Guth, Lorraine Charles, Don & Donna Wedel, Carmel Kendall, Narelle Beavan, Allana Brooks, Penny Desouza, Angela White, Michael Webb, Stephen Jones, Elaine Winter, Annielyn Punzalan, June Poole & The Poole family, Marion Brigg, Cherry Butac, Gino Abenzi, Daisy Maturin, Linda Samms, Jeanette Allen, Barry Carter, Jean Battour, Bev Bartlem, Michael Harris, Kelly Reynolds, John Dobson, Patricia Fern-Smith, Beverley Johnson, Goronwy Jones, Tony Wilkinson, John Manwaring, Christopher Steer, Patricia Ann Borthwick

When providing names, please indicate which list the person needs to be on. When requesting family and friends be included in the sick list, ensure you have their permission. If circumstances change and the person listed can be removed from the sick list advise the Parish Office.



Second Sunday of Lent
24 & 25 February



After the birth of her children, 22-year-old **Ronita** was at risk of having to leave school permanently. But, with the support of Caritas Australia's partners in the Philippines, she resumed her studies and secured a job at a call centre to support her family.

Please donate to Project Compassion.

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **for all future generations.**

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling 1800 024 413.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Saturday 2nd March 2pm

Gracemere Baptist Fellowship - 15 James Street Gracemere.

Theme - Palestine. 'I beg you... bear with one another in love'



WHAT IS RCICCA?

RCICCA stands for the Rite of Christian Initiation of Children of Catechetical Age. This Rite is for children over the age of 7yrs and younger than 14yrs, who have not been baptized and who wish to be fully initiated into the Catholic church. The RCICCA program follows a similar format as the adult RCIA program but has been adapted for the age of the children. Currently we have 17 children enrolled in the RCICCA program preparing to receive all three of the Sacraments of Initiation on Ascension Sunday, May 12 during the 9:00am mass at Holy Family Church. This weekend they celebrate the Rite of Acceptance into the 7-week program. Please remember them in your prayers. The RCICCA program is different from the other Parish sacramental program, that you may be familiar with, as the children enrolled in the RCICCA program have not yet been baptised and therefore cannot receive Confirmation or First Eucharist.



ADORATION THIS WEEK:

Adoration every Thursday at St Mary's Church, Nobbs Street from 4:30-6:30pm



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

During Lent, Stations of the Cross will take place at: St Mary's Church each Friday at 5.30 pm and St Joseph's Cathedral each Friday at 4:00pm

SACRISTANS—St Joseph's Cathedral

Please consider joining our small team of Sacristans at St Joseph's Cathedral, Training will be provided. Call the Parish Office 4927 6744

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES Week of 26th February

Monday:	7:00am	St Joseph's Cathedral
Tuesday:	9:00am	Holy Family Church
	5:30pm	St Joseph's Cathedral
Wednesday:	9:00am	St Joseph's Cathedral— School Indigenous Leaders Mass
	9:00am	St Mary's Church
	12:00 noon	St Joseph's Cathedral
Thursday:	8:00am	St Joseph's Cathedral
	4.30-6.30pm	Adoration at St Mary's Church
Friday:	9:00am	Our Lady Help of Christians
	12:00 noon	St Joseph's Cathedral Mass
	4:00pm	St Joseph's Cathedral— Stations of the Cross
	5:30pm	St Mary's Church Stations of the Cross
Saturday:	9:00am	St Joseph's Cathedral

Penance:

Saturday 9:30-10:30am St Joseph's Cathedral
Saturday 4:00-4:30pm Holy Family Church

Anointing of the Sick:

1st Saturday of the month during the 9am Mass at St Joseph's Cathedral.

1st Friday of the month during the 9am Mass at Our Lady Help of Christians, Park Avenue

CHAMBER MUSIC CONCERT

The first **Chamber Music Concert** for 2024 will be held in **St Joseph's Cathedral** on **Sunday, March 3** commencing at 2:00pm.

Come along and enjoy an afternoon of music from students of our local Catholic schools and Colleges

MUSIC IN-SERVICE—SACRED HEART CHURCH YEPPOON

All musicians and singers are invited to join in a music in-service at 3pm on Sunday 25th February. All participants are welcome to stay and join in the 5pm Mass at Sacred Heart Church.

THURSDAY LADIES CLUB


Thursday Ladies Club will be held at Holy Family Hall on 7th March at 10am. Morning tea will be served. Come along and join in the lessons in Card Making. Please bring a ruler, scissors & glue.

Lucky door prizes will be provided to everyone



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"and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ."
1 Corinthians 10:4

Venue: Duhig Centre 147 West Street, Rockhampton
Dates: 3, 10, 17, 24 March 2024
Time: 10.30 a.m. to 3.00 p.m.
All Meals provided.
For Enquiries and Registration:
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For more information: <https://cfc-australia.org.au/>



You're Invited

Year 7 2025 Enrolment Evening

We invite all intending Year 7 2025 parents to attend our Enrolment Information Evening on **Monday 26 February at 5:30pm** in the College Mercy Centre. Applications for Year 7 2025 Enrolment close on **Wednesday 27 March 2024**. Visit our website to apply online.

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MENALIVE SCRIPTURE JOURNALING GROUP

All men are welcome to come along to the café area of Frenchville Sports Club on Mondays at 7pm to catch up, pray and discuss the gospel of the day. Newcomers are always welcome, just bring along a pen and paper. For more information contact Kevin at kjpeagam@gmail.com or 0407 589 674.

ECUMENICAL CORNER

Pope Paul VI in his encyclical "Evangelisation in the Modern World" writes: "...The destiny of evangelization is certainly bound up with the witness of unity given by the Church..... We wish to emphasize the sign of unity among all Christians as the way we live out the Mission of the Gospel. The division among Christians is a serious reality which impedes the very work of Christ. (see Pope Paul vi. Art 98 That They May All Be One)

Am I prepared to become more actively involved in ecumenical Services or other shared activities

The Catholic Diocese of Rockhampton abides by the principles of the National Catholic Safeguarding Standards (2022) and is committed to safeguarding, with a specific focus on protecting children and adults at risk. For further information or support please contact the Diocesan Professional Standards and Safeguarding office:

Response line: 1800 830 113 (free call) or Email: pssomanager@rok.catholic.net.au

For more information see the Diocesan website: <http://rok.catholic.net.au/our-diocese/safeguarding/>

Queensland Professional Standards Office: www.psoqld.catholic.net.au/

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